

FISCAL NOTE

SB 672 - HB 1389

April 10, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds the performance of surgery that requires general anesthesia outside of a hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center as grounds for the Board of Medical Examiners to deny, suspend or revoke a license to practice medicine.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

The bill would effectively end the practice of performing minor surgeries outside of a hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center if such surgery required general anesthesia. Such a ban would prevent minor surgeries in a doctor's office and force them into a more expensive setting. The bill would increase costs to TennCare, the state employee's health insurance program and local government health insurance programs. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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